(d) whether they would be considered eligible for entrance exami- nations, to save their career prospects;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYASINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) As per information furnished by the University of Delhi, candidates who have appeared/ passed 12th Class Examination under 10+2 system conducted by the C.B.S.E./ Council for the Indian School Certificate Examination/Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi (Except Patrachar Vidyalaya and Open Schools) with required subjects *i.e.* Physics, Chemistry, Biology and English (Core) securing minimum prescribed percentage of marks in aggregate in these subjects from the Recognised Schools conducting regular classes situated within the National Capital Territory of Delhi only are eligible to appear for MBBS/BDS Entrance Examinations conducted by the University of Delhi. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has informed that a candidate who has passed or is appearing at 10+2 Higher/Senior Secondary Examination with the subjects of Physics, Chemistry, Biology and English as a regular or a private candidate is eligible to take up All India Pre-Medical and Pre-Dental Entrance Examination conducted by the CBSE subject to the candidate securing minimum prescribed percentage of marks in the qualifying examination.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The student appearing as a private candidate in class XII Examination conducted by the CBSE is eligible to sit in the All India Pre-Medical and Pre-Dental Entrance Examinations conducted by the Board.

(d) Does not arise.

Denial of benefits to employees of Navodaya Vidyalayas

1770. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that in execution of 6 Programme of Action' on National Policy of Education, 1986, the then Government had published that all teachers working in Government/ Instrumentalities/Local bodies would be eligible for retirement and medical benefits, identical to Government servants; and

(b) if so, why the teachers employed in Navodaya Vidyalayas are being deprived of these benefits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) and (b) the medical facilities as per provision contained in the Central Civil Services (Medical Attendance) Rules of Government of India are being extended to the employees of the Samiti. The proposal in respect of retirement facilities like Gratuity and Pension, at par with the Central Government employees was submitted to the Governnmnet but has not been agreed to. Since most of the employees of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti have been taken on deputation, hence, Contributory Provident Fund (CPF) scheme has been introduced there. They have been advised to work out a suitable annuity scheme through LIC in lieu of the pension scheme.

Demonstration by DUTA

1771. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi University Teachers' Association (DUTA) demonstrated on 18th February, 2000 in front of the UGC's office in the Capital in protect against the University Grants Commission's autonomy proposal and to get universities and colleges ranked by the National Accreditation and Assessment Council (NAAC);

(b) if so, what are the main demands of DUTA and whether they have submitted any memorandum to Government; and

(c) what action Government have taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Promoting autonomous colleges and quality in higher education is part of the Govenment's higher education policy. A dialogue has been started with teacher organisations to allay unfounded fears and correct misapprehensions about autonomy and the role of the National Accreditation and Assessment Council.